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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from July 23, 2007 to October 23, 2007 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1050.00 for a three-month extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 18528.230.

Respectfully submitted,

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